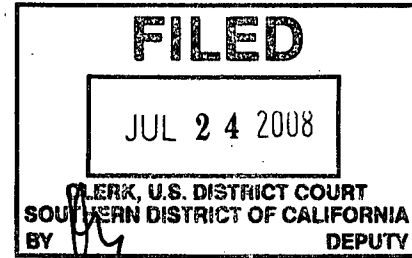


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

GUADALUPE PONCE-OJEDA,

Defendant.

Magistrate Case No. 08MJ2111

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON**

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and James P. Melendres, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant GUADALUPE PONCE-OJEDA, by and through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Anthony E. Colombo, Jr., that:

1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(A)(i) and (v)(II).

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before **August 11, 2008**.

6 4. The material witnesses, Jose Luis Guzman-Higuera, Francisco Leon-Diaz, and Luz
7 Evelia Anaya-Trujillo, in this case:

8 a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

9 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
10 July 10, 2008;

11 c. Were found in a boat 14.1 miles west of the United States coastline in
12 international waters and were being transported in a vessel by defendant, and defendant knew of the
13 fact that they were aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

14 d. Were paying or having others pay on their behalf an unknown amount up to
15 \$9,000 to others to be brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to their
16 destination therein; and,

17 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
18 Security for return to their country of origin.

19 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this
20 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any
21 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,
22 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

23 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
24 substantive evidence;

25 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
26 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony
27 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest

1 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

2 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
3 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
4 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
5 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

6 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
7 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
8 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
9 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

10 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
11 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
12 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

13 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.


14 Respectfully submitted,

15 KAREN P. HEWITT
16 United States Attorney

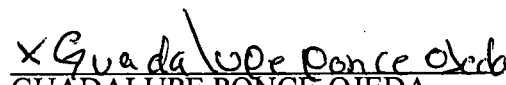
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23 GUADALUPE PONCE-OJEDA
24 Defendant

ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 7/24/2008


United States Magistrate Judge